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CATALOGUE OF PUPILS.

No.	Names.	Residence.	When admitted.	Cause of Blindness.
			1847	
1	Aaron Gyger,	Lawrence Co.	Oct. 1	Scarlet Fever.
2	Nelson W. Richhart,	Kosciusko "	" 1	Congenital.
3	Susanna E. Richhart,	" "	" 1	"
4	John M. Richhart,	" "	" 1	"
5	Albertus Taylor,	Fountain "	" 1	"
6	Daniel Byrkit,	Henry "	" 1	"
7	John Byrkit,	" "	" 1	"
8	George O. Work,	Allen "	" 5	"
9	Isaac M. Easley,	Montg'm'ry "	" 5	Accident.
10	Lorenzo T. Tucker,	Jackson "	" 6	Congenital.
11	Eliza Kinnear,	Jefferson "	" 6	Accident.
12	William E. Read,	Ohio "	" 7	Congenital.
13	Wm. H. McQuerry,	Hancock "	" 7	Whooping Co'gh
14	Lawrence D. Taylor,	Marshall "	" 7	Inflammation.
15	Wm. T. Fleming,	Howard "	" 16	Fever.
16	Michael Courtney,	Decatur "	Nov. 3	Congenital.
17	Geo. W. Culbertson,	Wayne "	" 23	Fever.
18	Margaret Belches,	Jefferson "	" 25	Amaurosis.
			1848	
19	Benjamin Morrow,	Montg'm'ry "	Jan. 8	Cataract.
20	Geo. W. Hibbits,	Dearborn "	" 31	Congenital.
21	J. S. R. Bergin,	Marion "	Feb. 16	Accident.

CATALOGUE OF PUPILS.—Continued.

No.	Names.	Residence.	When admitted.	Cause of Blindness.
22	Eli Denny,	Hamilton Co.	Apr. 1	Congenital.
23	John Leonard,	Owen	June 1	Scarlet Fever.
24	Garey Stafford,	Union	Oct. 18	Inflammation.
25	Sarah S. Morgan,	"	" 18	"
1849				
26	Altha A. Paxton,	Henry	Feb. 13	Accident.
27	Louisa Helton,	Morgan	June 1	Congenital.
28	Silas Helton,	"	" 1	"
29	Mark Maudlin,	Washingt'n	Oct. 1	Accident.
30	Mary Boileau,	Harrison	" 1	Inflammation.
31	Isaac Cook,	Wayne	" 1	Congenital.
32	James O. Johnson,	"	" 1	"
33	Phebe A. Robinett,	Hancock	" 1	Scrofula.
34	Margaret E. Barnes,	Decatur	" 11	Congenital.
35	Sarah C. Barnes,	"	" 11	"
36	John W. Record,	Marion	" 19	Accident.
37	Rachel Martin,	Randolph	" 19	Congenital.
38	Caroline Groff,	Fayette	" 23	"
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100	"	"	"	"

REPORT.

To the General Assembly of the State of Indiana :

In presenting their third annual Report of the Institute of the State for the Education and Training of the Blind, the Trustees with pleasure refer to its continued prosperity and success in accomplishing the objects of its establishment, under the faithful and efficient management of its officers.

The present number of pupils is thirty-eight, being an increase of ten over the number in our last annual report.

Although we are indebted for the aid of benevolent individuals in their efforts to induce the friends of the blind in their vicinities to send them to the Institute, it is to the public exhibitions which, in parts of the State, have been recently made by the Superintendent with some of the pupils, that the increase of pupils is principally attributable.

It is contemplated to extend the sphere of such exhibitions to the other parts of the State, as the time of the officers may allow, that, so far as is practicable, the people generally may personally ascertain how much, by their generous liberality, is being done for the improvement, usefulness, and happiness of the blind of Indiana.

The recent results have manifested that if similar exhibitions had been also made in the remaining parts of the State, during the past vacation, the increase of pupils would have entirely exceeded our means for their accommodation, or at least would have prevented our connecting, with their literary culture, their needful training in industrial employment. - Thus the necessity of the principal building for the Institute being soon commenced becomes apparent, that equal facilities for the instruction of the unfortunate blind may be extended to all parts of the State.

The object is so noble and grateful, to rescue the blind child from a life of ignorance and helplessness, often accompanied with penury, to the prospect of procuring an independent livelihood, with a cultivated mind, and correct principles, that it need not be apprehended that any needful aid for its judicious accomplishment will be withheld by the people of the State.

The remarkable improvement of the mind, of which the blind are constantly proved to be capable, gives assurance to the faithful and intelligent pupil, that their reliance for support need not rest solely upon their mechanical acquirements.

In the department of teaching even the seeing, we have abundant reason to expect that many of our pupils will be found in future life to be fully competent.

It is manifest, even to a casual observer, that the thoroughness of instruction and acquisition of the blind, although given mostly orally, is surpassed in few institutions of learning among the seeing.

But it would be a matter of deep regret, if either by an over estimate of the value of mental cultivation, or from any sympathy with the ruinous indulgence of many, who permit the young of the present day to grow up in neglect if not contempt of bodily labor, the acquisition of the habit and tact of handicraft and mechanism by the blind pupil, should be overlooked by the managers of such institutions.

By the accompanying report of the Superintendent, it will be gratifying to the General Assembly to learn, that the success of the work department of the Institute, during the past year, has been very encouraging.

Although the competition of the blind with the seeing, in any department of manual labor, must necessarily be in some degree unequal, yet the thoroughness of the instruction given in the physical as well as the mental department of teaching, and the unwearied assiduity of the blind pupil in feeling after skill, with their patience, temperance, and industry, give us strong assurances that the graduates of the Institute will have secured for themselves the capability of an independent and comfortable support.

The following summary exhibits the expenditures of the year, classed under appropriate heads:

Salaries of Super'dent, Teachers, Steward, and Matron,	\$2,259 10
Groceries, Provision, and Provender,	1,586 58
Personal property for use of household department, -	480 28
Domestic hire, - - - - -	649 60
Raw material for work department, - - - - -	803 50
Tools and fixtures for same, - - - - -	104 94
Labor in workshops, - - - - -	82 17
School apparatus, - - - - -	267 55
Books, stationery, and printing, - - - - -	211 43
Repairs on musical instruments, - - - - -	5 68
Fuel, - - - - -	297 67
Drugs, medicines, and medical attendance two years,	77 57
Advanced for clothing of pupils, - - - - -	50 00
Postage and Telegraphage, - - - - -	13 77
Insurance on personal property of the Institute,	23 00
Miscellaneous expenses, - - - - -	35 18

\$6,975 74

Improvements and repairs, - - - - -	456 65
Balance due on Institute block, - - - - -	1,099 60
Payment of loan from Bedford Branch Bank, the dis- bursement of which was reported last year, - - -	4,013 33
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	\$12,565 32
Add amount unexpended in hands of Superintendent Nov. 1, 1849, above the amount of last report, -	47 36
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Amount of allowances, as stated in the report of the Treasurer, - - - - -	<u>\$12,612 68</u>

The office of Steward has, on the recommendation of the Superintendent, not been continued, with a view to economy, and in conformity with the present arrangement in the principal similar institutions.

Miss Sarah T. Marsh resigned her situation as a teacher of Handicraft during the past year.

The appointment of Miss Editha M. Curtis and Miss Eliza M. Hamilton as assistant teachers, has been made, at a salary each of \$150 a year, with boarding, and their success thus far gives us assurance of their usefulness.

For the detailed operations of the Institute, in its respective departments, we respectfully refer to the full report of the acting Superintendent.

Respectfully submitted.

GEO. W. MEARS,
S. W. NORRIS,
JAMES M. RAY. } Trustees.

Indianapolis, November 1, 1849.

Improvements and repairs
Balance due on Institute blank
Payment of loan from Federal Bank, the dis-
bursement of which was reported last year.
\$100.00
Add amount encumbered in hands of Superintendent
Nov. 1, 1919, above the amount of last report.
17 30
Amount of allowances as stated in the report of the
Treasurer.
\$117.30

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perintendent.

Respectfully submitted,
GEO. W. WEAVER,
S. W. MORRIS,
JAMES M. RAY,
Treasurer.
Indianapolis, December 1, 1919.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the Trustees of the Indiana Institute for the Education of the Blind :

GENTLEMEN :—In laying before your board an account of the condition and progress of the Institute during the past year, it affords me unfeigned satisfaction to be able, as heretofore, to report most favorably of its advancement in all respects. The teachers and others engaged in the several departments, have continued to merit your approbation and confidence, as well on account of their zealous devotion to the welfare of the pupils as the skill and efficiency displayed in the discharge of their respective duties. Miss Editha M. Curtis, whom you appointed in the early part of the last session as an assistant teacher, entered upon her duties on the first of January, and, though without previous experience in the instruction of the blind, she has thus far given entire satisfaction, and bids fair to realize your highest expectations in her selection. Miss Sarah T. Marsh, who was formerly engaged as teacher of handicraft to the female pupils, resigned her situation on the fifteenth of May last, and her department has been confided to the charge of Miss Curtis, in connection with her school-room duties. The latter has also been entrusted with the immediate oversight of the girls during their hours of recess, the Matron having been relieved of this duty in our late change of organization. From her success thus far in this new relation, we have reason to hope that Miss C. will be found competent to the discharge of its responsible duties. Our recently appointed assistant in the literary department, Miss Eliza M. Hamilton, commenced her labors on the first day of October, and so far as the limited time since elapsed will enable us to judge, she also gives promise of much usefulness in her newly adopted profession.

Of the health of our household, we are still permitted, through the mercy of Divine Providence, to make favorable report. Indeed we have enjoyed almost entire immunity from disease of all kinds. This fact is the more gratifying as it indicates not only the healthfulness of the location of the Institute, but also the increasing salubrity of our city.

Concerning the industry and general deportment of the pupils entrusted to our charge, we are happy in being able to bear gratifying testimony. We believe it would be difficult to find any where a class of persons more ambitious to advance in the acquisition of knowledge, and who possess a more grateful appreciation of their educational privileges. Cheerfulness and contentment reigning amongst them, their intercourse with each other is marked by kindness and affection, and their demeanor towards their teachers by courtesy and respect. The discipline of the school while it is necessarily firm, is always mild and persuasive in its character, and its results must be deemed favorable, inasmuch as we are unable to recount a single instance of wilful disobedience during the past year.

The number of pupils in the Institute, at the date of our last report, was twenty-eight. Since that time thirteen have been received and three discharged, making our present number thirty-eight. One of those discharged, Joshua Skidmore, of Vermillion county, left with the prospect of commencing the business of basket making; and on account of his correct deportment and industrious habits, carries with him the best wishes of his teachers and school-mates for his success. A second failed to return during the last session, and the third was the person alluded to in our last report as having been expelled and re-admitted on promise of amendment. The second trial with him resulted no more satisfactorily than the first.

The tour through the eastern part of our State, authorized by your Board, was made with two of the advanced pupils in the early part of last session. In the course of our route we passed through the counties of Shelby, Decatur, Franklin, Fayette, Wayne, Randolph, Delaware, Grant, and Hancock, giving public exhibitions of the attainments of the pupils in most of the county seats, besides visiting at their homes a number of blind youths, to confer with them and their friends upon the subject of their coming to the Institute. The trip resulted in the obtaining of a number of scholars who would probably have remained at home in ignorance without such efforts on our part. Besides the increase of our school, we have reason to hope that much good was effected in the way of enhancing the interest of the community in the support of the Institute, as there were doubtless many persons in attendance at these exhibitions who would otherwise have had no opportunity of witnessing the beneficial effects of its establishment.

In the school department, the same order of exercises as heretofore reported, has in the main been pursued, and with similar results. Some few books have been added to our library, and an embossed globe to our geographical apparatus. The latter, in connection with a set of excellent raised maps previously procured, embracing those of Europe, Asia, Africa, North America, South America, the United States, and the State of Indiana, afford valuable facilities for imparting to our pupils a knowledge of a subject of

KNITTING.

NUMBER.

Tidies, - - - - -	11
Pairs of Socks, - - - - -	4
Comforts, - - - - -	3
Yards of Lace, - - - - -	3
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	21

BRAIDING.

Watch Guards, - - - - -	13
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ZEPHYR WORK.

Lamp Stands, - - - - -	2
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PLAIN SEWING.

Aprons, - - - - -	7
Towels, - - - - -	2
Childrens' Dresses, - - - - -	1
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*Statement of the Business of the Work Department from December 1st,
1848, to November 1st, 1849.*

Dr.

To value of raw material for Boys' work, on hand Dec. 1st, 1849, - - - - -	\$269 47
To value of raw material for Girls' work, on hand Dec. 1st, 1849, - - - - -	59 18
To value of manufactured articles, on hand Dec. 1, -	198 43
To cash paid for raw material for Boys' work during the year, - - - - -	767 24
To cash paid for raw material for Girls' work during the year, - - - - -	36 26
To cash paid for labor in shop, - - - - -	82 17
To value of overwork by pupils, paid in manufactured articles, - - - - -	131 87
To cash paid for instruction in handicraft, - - - - -	246 60
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	\$1,791 22
To balance, - - - - -	315 57
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	\$2,106 79

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By cash received for Boys' work sold, - - - -	680 63
By cash received for Girls' work sold, - - - -	168 75
By value of Boys' work on hand, - - - -	313 15
By value of Girls' work on hand, - - - -	11 70
By value of articles in hands of agents, - - - -	133 90
By amount due for articles sold on credit, - - - -	78 54
By value of manufactured articles received by pupils for over-work, - - - -	131 87
By value of raw material for Boys' work on hand, - -	531 30
By value of raw material for Girls' work on hand, - -	56 95
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	\$2,106 79

Balance in favor of the Work Department, - - \$315 57

Before dismissing the subject of the Manufacturing Department, allow me to call your attention to the inadequacy of our present amount of shop room. We already begin to experience some inconvenience from this source, and it is feared that in the further increase of our pupils, we will find ourselves unable to accommodate them all in the shops. In view of this fact, it is hoped that you will deem it expedient to represent to the next General Assembly the importance of providing for an early commencement in the erection of our main building, in order that the one we now occupy may be devoted to the use of the Work Department, the ultimate object of its construction. Indeed the wants of the other departments, no less than those of the one in question, also urge the necessity of the earliest practicable completion of our improvements. We have now nearly as many pupils as we have room for; and long ere we shall be able to occupy the main building, even should it be commenced next season, we must become excessively crowded, or perhaps be obliged to refuse admittance to numerous applicants. Not the least of our wants at this time, is an examination room of sufficient capacity to accommodate the members of the Legislature and of the numerous other associations which meet in our city from time to time, and which are composed of prominent citizens from all parts of the State. Knowing it to be of the highest importance to the welfare of the Institute, and the advancement of its benevolent objects, to interest the members of such bodies in our behalf, it is a continual source of regret that we are unable to invite them to visit us. It is true that many individual members do call and pass through the establishment; but the number is comparatively small to what it would be if we could receive the whole of each body at one time. We would, moreover, be better able to interest them, than when they come in small companies.

Our thanks are due to the proprietors of the following newspapers, viz: The Indiana State Journal, Western Christian Advocate, Richmond Palladium, Madison Weekly Courier, Family Visitor,

New Albany Weekly Ledger, and the Indiana State Sentinel, for the gratuitous receipt of their respective publications. These papers embrace a variety of useful and entertaining matter, to which the pupils have access through the reading of the teachers; and we would, therefore, respectfully solicit a continuance of these favors, as well as an increase of them from other sources. We presume that many others would be sent, were it understood that the inmates of the Institute, though blind, are enabled to become acquainted with their contents through the eyes of others.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. CHURCHMAN.

INDIANAPOLIS, Nov. 1, 1849.

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MARGARET BELCHER

SPECIMENS OF COMPOSITION BY A FEMALE PUPIL

AUTUMN

I come, I come o'er valley and hill,
Casting a shade o'er the sparkling rill,
Stripping the leaves from each quivering bough,
Strewing my pathway as onward I go.

The tree of the forest, the grass of the plain,
Submissively bow to my despotic reign;
The flow'rets that bloom in the garden and heath,
All wither and droop at the touch of my breath.

I come not as spring with its gifts profuse,
Decking the earth with its gorgeous hues,
Scattering blossoms like glittering gems,
More precious than those of earth's diadems.

The hum of the insect, the song of the bird,
No more in the glades of the forest are heard;
Tho' silent I tread yet my foot prints are seen
In the withering herbage wherever I've been.

I come not as Spring with its long sunny hours,
Decking the earth with its verdure and flowers,
I come to forewarn the mortal who clings
To the perishing phantoms of temporal things.

I come to admonish the children of clay,
To turn from a world of death and decay;
To seek for a portion more lasting and sure,
In the land of the blessed, the just, and the pure.

Where the smile of the Lord is his people's delight,
Where the soul is untouched by a canker or blight;
Where the heart's best affections forever shall bloom,
Beyond the dark valley of death and the tomb.

MARGARET BELCHES

THE FOREST TREE.

Tree of the forest gigantic and old,
 What ages unrecked of have over thee rolled;
 Oh! could'st thou but tell us each varying scene,
 That long since has passed 'neath thy branches of green.

Thou hast seen the glad Summer in beauty approach,
 And the woods wake in smiles at her magical touch,
 When the soft wind swept over the delicate flowers,
 Fresh laden with sweets from the tropical bowers.

Thou hast shivered and tossed in the whirlwind's blast,
 And seen thy companions upturn as it passed;
 And still thou art rearing thy old rugged form,
 To smile on the summer and frown on the storm.

The King of the forest, long, long thou hast stood,
 The pride of the desert and vast solitude,
 Ere the step of the white man the wilderness stirred,
 Or his sharp ringing axe in the forest was heard.

In days long gone by how often perchance,
 Hast thou looked on the Indian's wild native dance;
 Or mark'd the deep scowl of his red gleaming eye,
 As he glared on his victim and doomed him to die.

Thou hast seen the pale captive, and heard his wild shriek,
 Which told of an anguish that words might not speak,
 As he saw through the darkness, the red glaring fire,
 And knew while he gazed 'twas his funeral pyre.

But away with those scenes of darkness and blood—
 Sweet sounds are now heard in thy once solitude;
 The laughter of childhood in innocent glee,
 Blends sweet with the husbandman's song on the lea:

Purchase thou hast seen on bright summer eves,
 When the zephyr was stirring thy dark glossy leaves,
 A maiden steal forth with a timorous eye,
 And a blush on her cheek; for her lover was nigh:

And there she has listened to love's magic tone,
 Believing his heart was as true as her own;
 But alas! she was seeking an undying love,
 Which only is found in the regions above.

The way worn traveler hails with delight,
The mantling shade as you rise on his sight;
And sinks to repose on the green mossy bed,
Which oft in his childhood has pillowed his head.

How solemn to think of the thousands of earth,
That are sleeping in death since first thou hadst birth;
And still thou art waving, majestic and free,
The monarch of ages, the old Forest Tree.

MARGARET BELCHES.

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ADMISSION OF PUPILS.

Any person wishing to make application for the admission of a pupil into the Institute, shall address either the Secretary of the Board of Trustees, or the Superintendent, giving definite and accurate information upon the following points, viz :

1. The name of the applicant and that of his parent or guardian, together with the Post Office address of the latter.
2. The date of the birth of the applicant.
3. The cause of his Blindness, and the age at which it occurred.
4. Whether he is of sound mind and susceptible of intellectual culture.
5. Whether he is free from bodily deformity and infectious disease.
6. Whether his personal habits and moral character are good.

Upon the receipt of such application, it will be acted upon by the Trustees, and the applicant informed of the result.

No pupil should be sent to the Institute until the above preliminary step shall have been taken.

To residents of the State no charge is made for the boarding and instruction of their children ; but pupils are in all cases expected to come provided with a change of good comfortable clothing, which must be replenished by their friends from time to time, as it becomes necessary. Where parents or guardians are unable through indigence to provide the necessary clothing, the commissioners of the counties in which they reside are authorized by law to furnish the same in their stead.

All traveling expenses of the pupils to and from the Institute must be borne by their friends.

All books, musical instruments and other apparatus required for the use of the pupils during their term of instruction, are furnished by the Institute free of charge.

The school commences its sessions on the first Monday in October, and closes on the last Wednesday in July, leaving a vacation of more than two months during the warm season, which is spent by the pupils at their homes.

It is important that new pupils should enter upon their terms of

instruction at the commencement of a session, and it is expected of all the others that they shall be present at the opening of the school, and remain until it closes on the last day of the session.

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ADMISSION OF PUPILS

MARGARET BELCHER

Any person wishing to make application for the admission of a pupil into the Institute, shall address either the Secretary of the Board of Trustees, or the Superintendent, giving definite and accurate information upon the following points, viz:

1. The name of the applicant and that of his parent or guardian, together with the Post Office address of the latter.
 2. The date of the birth of the applicant.
 3. The cause of his Blindness, and the age at which it occurred.
 4. Whether he is of sound mind and susceptible of intellectual culture.
 5. Whether he is free from bodily deformity and infectious disease.
 6. Whether his personal habits and moral character are good.
- Upon the receipt of such application, it will be acted upon by the Trustees, and the applicant informed of the result.
- No pupil should be sent to the Institute until the above preliminary step shall have been taken.

To residents of the State no charge is made for the boarding and instruction of their children; but pupils are in all cases expected to come provided with a change of good comfortable clothing, which must be replenished by their friends from time to time, as it becomes necessary. Where parents or guardians are unable through indigence to provide the necessary clothing, the commissioners of the counties in which they reside are authorized by law to furnish the same in their stead.

All traveling expenses of the pupils to and from the Institute must be borne by their friends.

All books, musical instruments and other apparatus required for the use of the pupils during their term of instruction, are furnished by the Institute free of charge.

The school commences its sessions on the first Monday in October, and closes on the last Wednesday in July, leaving a vacation of more than two months during the warm season, which is spent by the pupils at their homes.

It is important that new pupils should enter upon their terms of

TREASURER'S REPORT,

Dr. S. W. NORRIS, *Treasurer of the Indiana Institute for the Blind.* Cr.

1848.			1848.		
Jan. 11,	*To balance on hand at last annual report,....	\$530 33	December 15	Paid W H Churchman, advanced for current expenses of Institute,.....	\$175 00
Feb. 22,	To cash received of Treasurer of State,.....	600 00	December 15	Paid W H Churchman, advanced for pupils' clothing,	50 00
March 8,	To cash received of Treasurer of State,.....	500 00	1849.		
March 10,	To cash received of Treasurer of State,.....	5,112 93	January 4,	Paid W H Churchman, advanced for current expenses of Institute,.....	250 00
April 9,	To cash received of Treasurer of State,.....	1,000 00	January 11,	Paid John Elder, for drafting and making out specifications of building,.....	40 00
May 8,	To cash received of Treasurer of State,.....	500 00	January 15,	Paid W Parker, for brick work,.....	8 00
July 10,	To cash received of Treasurer of State,.....	1,000 00	January 15,	Paid W Eckert, for saddle, bridle, and martingale,	9 00
July 30,	To cash received of Treasurer of State,.....	333 96	January 15,	Paid M Byrkit for carpenter work,	8 75
Sept. 3,	To cash received of Treasurer of State,.....	500 00	January 15,	Paid W H Churchman 1 qr. salary,.....	200 00
October 15,	To cash received of Treasurer of State,.....	500 00	January 15,	Paid C Scudder 1 qr. salary, (less \$12 50, for daughter's board,).....	112 50
October 15,	To cash, being proceeds of loan from the Sinking Fund, of \$2,000 for 4½ months, interest being deducted.	1,954 00	January 15,	Paid L S Newell 1 qr. salary, (less \$22 75, for wife's board,).....	77 25
October 31,	To cash received at Institute for manufactured articles and disbursed by Superintendent,	849 38	January 15,	Paid S McGiffin 1 qr. salary,.....	50 00
		13,880 60	January 15,	Paid M G Demoss 1 qr. salary, (less \$12 50, for daughter's board,).....	37 50
			January 15,	Paid S T Marsh 1 qr. salary,.....	18 75
			January 16,	Paid W. Parker for mason work,.....	57 17
			January 23,	Paid J W Hamilton for insurance on property,	23 00
			January 26,	Paid R R Underhill for stoves and castings for furnace,.....	64 20
			February 3,	Paid Douglass & Elder for printing hand bills,.....	5 50
			February 22,	Paid W H Churchman, advanced for current expenses of Institute,.....	200 00
			February 23,	Paid A Swords for wood,	9 17
			February 23,	Paid J D Pfeiffer for repairing cistern and pavement,.....	5 50
			February 23,	Paid Drs Mears & Bullard for medical attendance one year,.....	30 00

*The balance on hand was incorrectly reported last year as \$430 33, in consequence of an error in the statement of the amount of the proceeds of the loan from the Bedford Branch, which was actually \$38 78, instead of \$37 78, as reported.

March 7,	Paid W H Churchman, advanced for current expenses of Institute,	225 00
March 7,	Paid C & J Cox for sheet iron work, etc.,	43 42
March 10,	Paid Sperring, Innes & Co. balance due on the Institute block, with interest—	
	Through their agent James Morrison, .512 20	
	By discharge of a mortgage held by the Sinking Fund at the time of purchase and assessment by the Institute,584 40	
		1,099 60
March 10,	Paid Bedford Branch Bank in discharge of a loan effected last year, with balance of interest,	4,013 33
April 9,	Paid W H Churchman 1 qr. salary,	200 00
April 9,	Paid C. Scudder 1 qr. salary, (less \$12 50, for daughter's board,	112 50
April 9,	Paid L S Newell 1 qr. salary, (less \$22 75, for wife's board,	77 25
April 9,	Paid S McGiffin 1 qr. salary,	50 00
April 9,	Paid M G Demoss 1 qr. salary, (less \$12 50, for daughter's board,	37 50
April 9,	Paid E M Curtis 1 qr. salary,	37 50
April 9,	Paid S T Marsh 1 qr. salary,	18 75
April 9,	Paid Indiana Institute for the Deaf and Dumb for wood,	72 50
April 9,	Paid Thompson, Churchman, & Co., for willows,	67 64
April 9,	Paid William Mansur for bristles,	57 20
April 9,	Paid New York Institution for the Blind, for willow wagon wheels,	13 43
April 9,	Paid James Woods for surveying, grading, etc.,	47 00
April 9,	Paid W H Churchman, advanced for current expenses of Institute,	400 00
May 9,	Paid M Snider for tools and work materials,	122 62
May 9,	Paid M Byrkit for carpenter work,	17 35
May 9,	Paid J G Horn for willow sprouts, etc.,	29 06
May 9,	Paid J Little & Co., for freight on wagon wheels,	7 10
May 9,	Paid A Harrison for freight on tools and materials,	22 72
May 9,	Paid L S Newell 1 qr salary in advance,	77 25
May 9,	Paid W H Churchman, advanced for current expenses of Institute,	250 00

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	1849.		
	May 9,	Paid Engine & Hose Company, subscribed by Trustees,	10 00
	June 5,	Paid W H Churchman, advanced for current expenses of Institute,	150 00
	June 5,	Paid J F Chamberlain for willow carriage wheels,	26 76
	June 5,	Paid J Spratt for lightening rods,	17 00
	June 5,	Paid J Landis for lumber for brushes,	18 05
	July 10,	Paid Massachusetts Institute for the Blind for maps, globes, and books,	361 50
	July 10,	Paid J Crawford for broom machine and handles,	11 85
	July 10,	Paid G Reynolds for broom corn,	9 00
	July 10,	Paid W H Churchman 1 qr. salary,	200 00
	July 10,	Paid C Scudder 1 qr. salary, (less \$12 50, for daughter's board,	112 50
	July 10,	Paid S McGiffin 1 qr. salary,	50 00
	July 10,	Paid M G Demoss 1 qr salary, (less \$12 50, for daughter's board,	37 50
	July 10,	Paid E M Curtis 1 qr. salary,	37 50
	July 10,	Paid L S Newell balance of qr. salary,	13 75
	July 10,	Paid S T Marsh $\frac{1}{2}$ qr. salary,	9 10
	July 10,	Paid W H Churchman, advanced for current expenses of Institute,	100 00
	July 20,	Paid S McGiffin 1 qr. salary,	50 00
	July 26,	Paid L S Newell 1 qr. salary, (less \$14 50, for wife's board,	85 50
	August 14,	Paid W H Churchman, advanced for current expenses of Institute,	300 00
	August 14,	Paid W H Churchman 1 qr. salary,	200 00
	August 14,	Paid B S Woods for wagon springs and black-smithing,	10 84
	August 14,	Paid H Munsell for work on wagon,	17 00
	August 14,	Paid E M Curtis 1 qr. salary,	37 50
	August 14,	Paid P Byrkit for machine for seeding broom corn,	12 00

August 14,	Paid A Swords for wood,	44 50
August 14,	Paid W H Churchman traveling expenses,	47 72
August 14,	Paid W A Holliday for wood,	45 00
August 14,	Paid Lingenfelter & Tutewiler for plastering ...	12 00
October 15,	Paid John Coen for painting and glazing,	12 48
October 15,	Paid Espy & Sloan for furniture,	25 00
October 15,	Paid W A Holliday for wood,	30 00
October 15,	Paid M G Demoss 1 qr. salary, (\$12 50, for daughter's board,	37 50
October 15,	Paid J Crawford for broom handles,	38 00
October 15,	Paid M & V Byrkit for carpenter work,	41 53
October 15,	Paid T Donnellan for furniture,	43 00
October 15,	Paid H J & B C Horn for carpeting, queens- ware, etc.,	48 00
October 15,	Paid C Scudder 1 qr. salary, (less \$12 50, for daughter's board,	112 50
October 15,	Paid C Wilbin for willow wagon wheels,	85 30
October 15,	Paid Kellogg & Yandes for platform scale and hardware,	23 33
October 15,	Paid J I Stretcher for furniture,	22 00
October 15,	Paid Morris & Bro. freight on wagon wheels, ..	9 36
October 15,	Paid W H Churchman, advanced for current expenses of Institute,	250 00
Nov. 1,	Paid C & J Cox for sheetiron work and tinware, ..	14 02
Nov. 1,	Paid J Guion for broom corn,	116 65
Nov. 1,	Paid J Little & Co. for dry goods, feathers, &c., ..	83 96
Nov. 1,	Paid H J & B C Horn for dry goods,	11 06
Nov. 1,	Paid A Swords for wood,	68 00
Nov. 1,	Paid M Snider for tools and work material,	105 03
Nov. 1,	Paid Drs. Mears & Bullard for medical servi- ces for one year,	30 00
Nov. 1,	By cash received at Institute for manufactured articles, and applied by Superintendent for current expenses,	849 38
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		12,612 68
	By balance on hand carried down,	1,267 92
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		13,880 60

S. W. NORRIS, *Treasurer.*

INDIANAPOLIS, November 1st, 1849.

W. W. MOORE, Accountant

Expenditure on July ending road

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